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June 06, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

**55**                      **June 6, 2012**

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT CONTRIBUTION OF FUNDING AND  
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD  
INTERSTATE 5 ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS  
INTEGRATION PROJECT  
IN THE CITIES OF LA MIRADA, SANTA FE SPRINGS, AND BUENA PARK  
AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF SOUTH WHITTIER  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 4)  
(4 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to authorize financial assistance to the Cities of La Mirada, Santa Fe Springs, and Buena Park and to approve the project to install a fiber-optic communication system at Imperial Highway and Valley View Avenue, in the Cities of La Mirada and Santa Fe Springs, and in the unincorporated community of South Whittier and to integrate the City of Buena Park's Advanced Transportation Management System with the County of Los Angeles' Information Exchange Network; find the project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; adopt the plans and specifications; call for bids; and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 3923 finding that the project is of general County interest and that the

County of Los Angeles aid in the amount of \$1,105,000 shall be provided to the Cities of La Mirada, Santa Fe Springs, and Buena Park to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Proposition C local sales tax.

3. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works to construct a fiber-optic communication system at an estimated construction contract cost between \$600,000 and \$825,000.
4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids to be received and opened on July 3, 2012, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement.
5. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award, execute, and implement a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range, approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance submitted by the contractor, and deliver the project.
6. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or her designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code relative to the construction of County buildings; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in Public Contract Code Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) accept the project upon its final completion; (4) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Sections 7107 and 9203; and (5) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of Public Contract Code Section 4104.5.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from your Board; adopt the plans and specifications; advertise for bids; and authorize the Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee to award, execute, and implement a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to construct a fiber-optic communication system, integrate Advanced Transportation Management Systems (ATMS) and the performance of other appurtenant work.

Additionally, Board adoption of the enclosed resolution approves a County of Los Angeles (County) contribution of \$1,105,000 in Highways-Through-Cities (HTC) funds to finance the Cities of La Mirada, Santa Fe Springs, and Buena Park jurisdictional shares of the project cost.

Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the Board of Supervisors of any County may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of road improvements are of general County interest and that County aid shall be extended therefor.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by providing improved traffic flow for the traveling public, which will benefit the community.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$600,000; to \$825,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,119,000, with the County's jurisdictional share being \$14,000; the City of La Mirada's share being \$691,000; the City of Santa Fe Spring's share being \$333,000; and the City of Buena Park's share being \$81,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes preparation of plans and specifications, construction engineering, materials testing, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, contribution to the Contract Cities Trust Fund, and other County services.

The project cost will be financed with \$814,000 in Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) funds, Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act Demonstration (ISTEA Demo) funds, and \$305,000 in Proposition C Local Return match funds. On an annual basis, your Board has established a \$2,500,000 top-of-pot (TOP) allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget for the County's Traffic Congestion Management Program. The \$305,000 will be funded from this TOP allocation. The \$1,105,000 in HTC funds consists of ITS funds, ISTEA Demo funds, and Proposition C Local Return funds. Financing is included in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The enclosed resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

This project, for the modification of traffic signals, construction of a fiber-optic communication system, and system integration, is part of the Department of Public Works' (Public Works) ongoing program for transportation systems management. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated the work will start in September 2012 and be completed in December 2012.

Delegating to the Director or her designee the authority to award, execute, and implement this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process to meet the grant funding deadline.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed

clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 1, Subsection (x)(4) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for the installation of fiber-optic cables to modify existing traffic signal systems.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. The award by the Director or her designee will be made after review of the bids and determination of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code. The County Local Small Business Enterprise preference will not be applied to the determination of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. To be eligible for the Federal funds financing the majority of this project, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, requires award to the lowest bidder.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved traffic flow thereby benefiting the community.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Please return one adopted copy of this letter and the resolution to the Department of Public Works,  
Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Internal Services Department (Countywide  
Contract Compliance)

**RESOLUTION NO. 3923 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO EXTEND COUNTY AID TO THE CITIES OF LA MIRADA, SANTA FE SPRINGS, AND BUENA PARK FOR THE FIBER OPTIC COMMUNICATIONS AND ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM INTEGRATION WITH THE COUNTY'S INFORMATION EXCHANGE NETWORK**

WHEREAS, the CITIES OF LA MIRADA, SANTA FE SPRINGS, AND BUENA PARK, hereinafter referred to as CITIES, and the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY, desire to install fiber optic communications on Imperial Highway from Carmenita Road to Valley View Avenue and on Valley View Avenue from Imperial Highway to Rosecrans Avenue, in the Cities of La Mirada, Santa Fe Springs, and in the unincorporated community of South Whittier and for the integration of the City of Buena Park's Advanced Transportation Management System with COUNTY'S Information Exchange Network, which work is hereinafter referred to as PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, COUNTY proposes to design and construct PROJECT at no cost to CITIES; and

WHEREAS, portions of PROJECT are located and will be utilized within the jurisdictional limits of CITIES; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is of general interest to CITIES and COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of PROJECT is currently estimated to be One Million One Hundred Nineteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,119,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the total cost of PROJECT will be financed with Eight Hundred Fourteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$814,000.00) in Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) funds and Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act Demonstration (ISTEA Demo) funds, and with Three Hundred Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$305,000.00) in Proposition C Local Return match funds; and

WHEREAS, on an annual basis, a Two Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) Top-of-Pot (TOP) allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget has been established for COUNTY'S Traffic Congestion Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the Three Hundred Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$305,000.00) will be funded from this TOP allocation; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is consistent with the scope of work for traffic improvements within CITIES pursuant to Master Agreement No. 76078 and Program Supplement Agreement No. N311 between COUNTY and the STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (STATE); and

WHEREAS, such a proposal is authorized and provided for by the provisions of Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

SECTION 1. The PROJECT is of general COUNTY interest and COUNTY aid shall be extended therefor.

SECTION 2. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, COUNTY consents, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code, to extend aid to CITIES in the amount of One Million One Hundred Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,105,000.00) for PROJECT from the ITS funds, ISTEADemo funds, and Proposition C Local Return funds, to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Proposition C local sales tax.

SECTION 3. The financial obligations of COUNTY are expressly conditioned upon obtaining reimbursement from STATE pursuant to Program Supplement Agreement No. N311 between COUNTY and STATE.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this resolution is held or declared to be invalid, the resolution shall be void and the consent granted hereunder shall lapse.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012, by the Board of Supervisors of County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



SACHI A. HAMAI  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By Sachelle Smitherman  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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